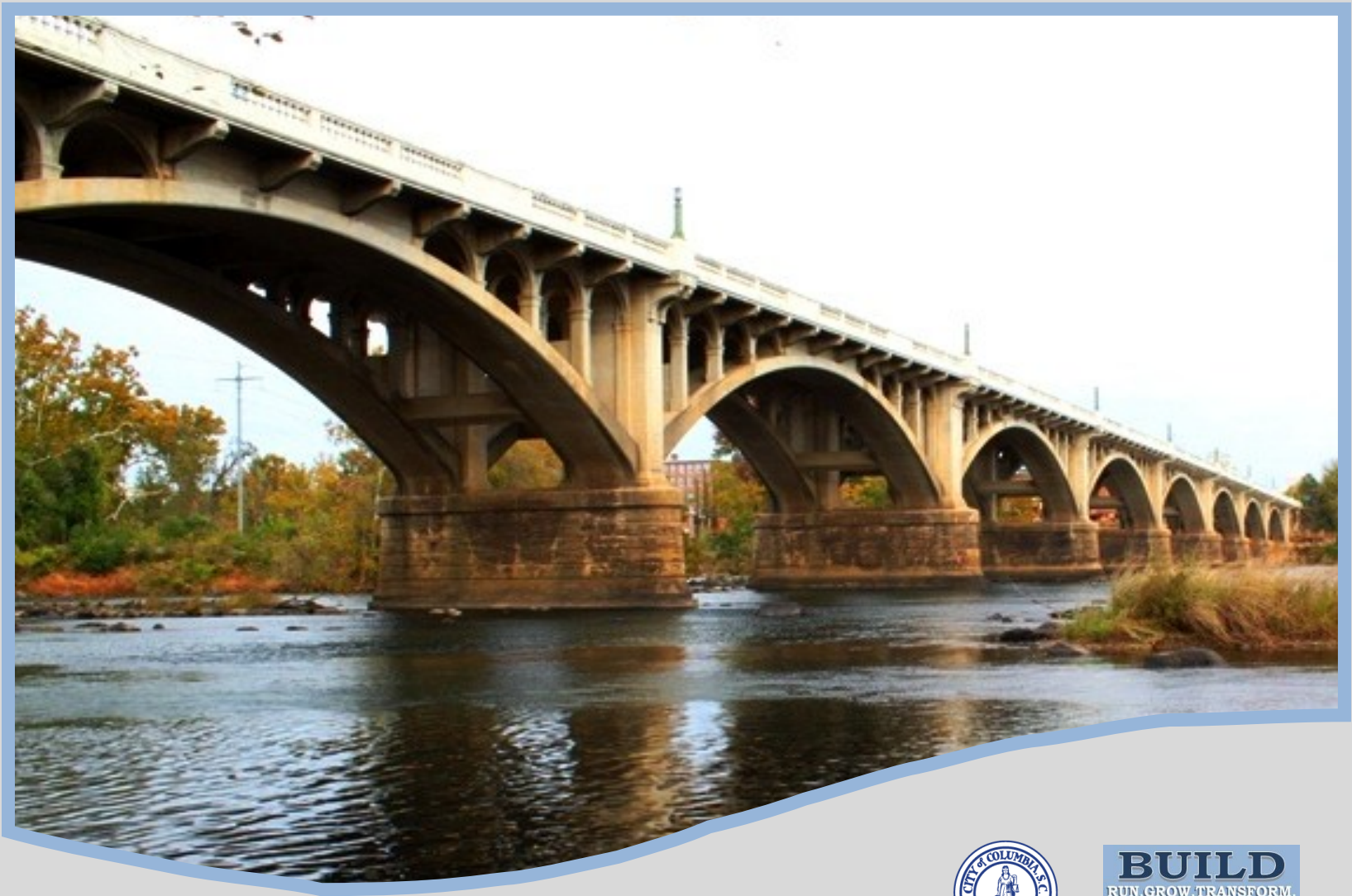
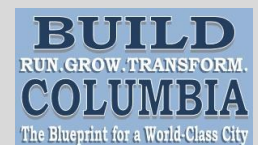


Community Corner

Neighborhood News and Updates



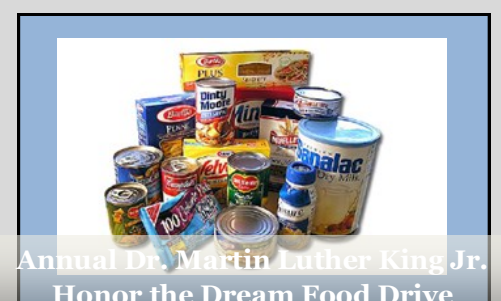
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Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Honor the Dream Food Drive

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HONOR THE DREAM FOOD DRIVE

Please join the City of Columbia and Richland School District One, as we help fight hunger in the Greater Columbia area. All food collected will benefit the Harvest Hope Food Bank. Listed are some requested items:

- canned fruit and vegetables
- pork and beans
- canned meats
- dry goods
- soup
- peanut butter
- oatmeal and other cereals
- crackers



Donations will be collected during normal business hours at most City Parks, City Hall, Washington Square, James E. Clyburn Golf Center, Columbia Tennis Center, City Human Resources, Public Works, Police Headquarters, Fire Department Headquarters, Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, Columbia Art Center and Main Street Ice. **Food Drive ends January 2, 2015**

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803.545.3100.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Honor the Dream Food Drive Flyer - [Download PDF](#)

Land Use Plan for Columbia



The City of Columbia invited the public to view the draft of the Land Use Plan for Columbia on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Citizens were able to drop-in and view the plan at their leisure.

The draft was completed using the community's input from the Plan Columbia Workshop in June. This open house meeting was designed to encourage citizens' input and recommendations and give them an opportunity to view potential plans for the city.

"Citizens provided us with a lot of information in June at our Public Workshops," said John Fellows, Development Services/Planning Administrator. "Here they can see how we gathered that information and put it into a plan for land use."



Input from the workshops will be used to edit the current plan. Once it's completed, it will then be delivered to the Planning Commission and forwarded to City Council for recommendations.

MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship

The City of Columbia is accepting nominations for the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarship Awards. The Dream Keeper Award recognizes exemplary displays of committed service to the tenets of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



The ideals of social responsibility, political empowerment, diversity, racial harmony, nonviolence, and unselfish service must be demonstrated voluntarily by the nominee in support of his or her community and fellow citizens. The nominee must be age 18 or younger and enrolled in school with a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Winners will be announced at the City of Columbia's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street. Nominees must attend the celebration.

Applications are available online for download or at any community center. Applications must be returned in person or by mail to the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, January 2, 2015.

MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship Application – [Download PDF](#)

Unveiling of the "Official City Ornament"

Mayor Steve Benjamin and the Babcock Center Foundation unveiled the South Carolina State Museum as the 2014 "Official City Ornament" today. Each year, the Mayor proclaims the Babcock Center Foundation's "Ornament of Opportunity."

"The Babcock Christmas Ornament is about making a difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents," said Mayor Benjamin. "It's about creating hope and as such exemplifies our city's oldest traditions of family and community. So it is fitting that this year's ornament honors those traditions embodied in one of our most treasured institutions – the South Carolina State Museum."



All proceeds from the sales of the ornament benefit the Babcock Center Foundation, which help people with lifelong disabilities.

For more information or to purchase ornaments, visit www.babcockcenter.org

Advertisement of Vacancies for the City of Columbia Boards & Commissions

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions. Participation is another way city residents can take part in their government. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes

Seeking one (1) Landscape or Urban Planner.

The City of Columbia is accepting applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes. Applicant being sought must meet the following criteria- have expertise in landscape or urban planning. The purpose of the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes is to hear and decide appeals when it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made the zoning administrator or the Consolidated Review Committee in the enforcement of the code when the property is governed by a form based code. Term – 3 years.



Planning Commission

Seeking one (1) Applicant.

The purpose of this commission is to develop and maintain a continuing planning program which will benefit City of Columbia residents; to provide a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study and address local development issues and opportunities; to foster, develop and review policies, plans and priorities in order to insure orderly growth, development, conservation and preservation; to furnish technical assistance to city government and its agents; and to review and coordinate federal, state and local programs that have an impact on the city. The Commission also advises City Council on annexations, zoning changes and approves subdivision plats/large development plans. Term – 3 years.

Deadline – Applications are due no later than December 11, 2014, 5 p.m.

For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to cflucius@columbiasc.net. You can also visit our website at <https://columbiasc.gov/boards-commissions> to download an application.

BURTON HEIGHTS

Burton Heights



Eau Claire Development
Corporation

Michael Strange
Executive Director

P.O. Box 147/3905 Ensor Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29217

Phone: (803) 733-8299

Fax: (803) 733-8573

E-mail: mcstrange@columbiasc.net

The Burton Heights Subdivision is a new community located within the historic Burton Heights-Standish Acres Neighborhood and is located on the east side of Farrow Road at Guernsey Drive. The community boasts twenty-six single family brick homes with garages and sidewalks. Homes in Burton Heights come with all the features you've dreamed of and energy saving technology that can save you money and makes your life easier.

Ask About City Financing Programs

\$1000 Down, Approx. \$500 month
Free Credit Counseling
Free Homeownership Training
Rates 1.5% Below Market

ONLY 4 HOMES REMAINING



Homes Starting at \$ 120,000.00

THE ERNEST

137 Burton Heights Circle | Columbia | SC | 29203



\$25 PET ADOPTIONS

*Home for the
Holidays*

DECEMBER

15th-24th | 2014

\$25 PET ADOPTIONS

ALSO

Want to give the gift of a new companion to a friend or family member? Gift Certificates can be purchased to put towards the adoption of a pet to ensure that the right pet gets into the right home!

Go To
Petfinder
To View Our
Adoptable Pets



We Are Columbia

**Columbia Animal
Services**
803-776-PETS (7387)
127 Humane Lane

www.ColumbiaSC.net



\$3 THURSDAYS AT THE DREW



Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29201

803-545-3200

www.drewwellnesscenter.com

\$3 Thursdays

Now Until December 18th

Only \$3
after 5 p.m.!

Have you been thinking about trying a new class?
Have you been wanting to take a dip in the pool or
shoot some hoops? Now is your chance to try it all for
only **\$3 after 5 p.m. on Thursdays.**



www.columbiasc.net

For more information, please contact Drew Wellness Center
at 803-545-3200.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP



"BANK ON"
COLUMBIA



YOU'RE INVITED!

MANAGE YOUR MONEY - MANAGE YOUR LIFE

**City of Columbia
Community Development
Start Fresh!
Financial Education Workshops**

Having trouble managing your budget or
paying down debt?
Let us help you take control!

Understand the importance of :

- **Banking**
- **Budgeting**
- **Saving**
- **Building your Credit**



The workshop will be held 9-11 a.m. at 1225 Lady Street on
Saturday, December 13

For more information or to register, call 803-545-0280 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

HEATING SAFETY



There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- ''' Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- ''' Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- ''' Never use your oven to heat your home.
- ''' Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- ''' Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- ''' Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ''' Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- ''' Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ''' Test smoke alarms monthly.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

ESCAPE PLANNING TIPS



Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- » **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- » **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

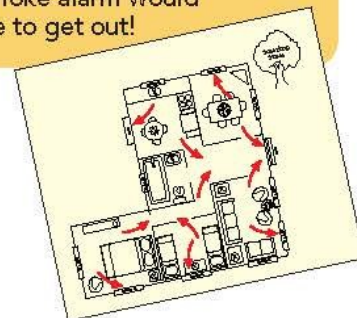
- » If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- » **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.



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FACTS

- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **45%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



CNN HOLIDAY SOCIAL



The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
invites you to our

Holiday Drop-In

Thursday, December 11th 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Winston's Restaurant

(located in the Granary Hotel)

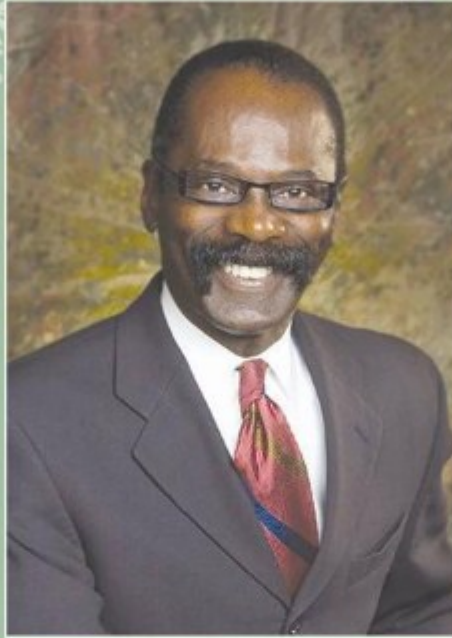
1539 Horse Shoe Drive--off Two Notch Road--29223

RSVP by December 9th 803.600.2315 * 803.920.7605 * ccn803@gmail.com

NOTE: LIVE JAZZ @ 7 pm No COVER Charge!

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

*'tis the season
TO CELEBRATE*



*Join Councilman Sam Davis
for a Holiday Reception*

*Monday, December 8
from 5 - 8 p.m.*

*Eau Claire Print Building
3907 Ensor Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203*

For more information, please call 803-545-3061.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Season's Greetings



*Join Councilman Cameron Runyan for a
Christmas Celebration*

*Tuesday, December 9
5-7 p.m.*

*First Citizens Café
1210 Main Street*

For more information, please call 803-545-3061.

HOLIDAY DROP-IN

Happy Holidays



Celebrate the season with
Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine

Annual Holiday Drop-In

Wednesday, December 10
5 - 8 p.m.

The Canal Room
211 Gervais Street

For more information, please call 803-545-3061.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2014 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



Dates:

December 16

Events

Work Session/Council Meeting

*Please note that the location for the scheduled meetings will be held in Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street on the 3rd Floor . Work Sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m., Council Meeting meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Zoning Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

*Please be advised that times are subject to change depending on the lengths of the meetings.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2014 CITY OF COLUMBIA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holiday	Official & Designated Day-Date-2014
Christmas Day	Thursday— December 25, 2014
Day in conjunction with Christmas	Friday— December 26, 2014



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